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SUBJECT: TIMBER POINT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

1. GEORGE CAPANEGRO, SECY/TREAS. OF TIMBER POINT CONSTRUCTION CORP., 166-41 22ND AVE., WHITESTONE, NY 11357, TEL: 212/352-9150; TLX: RCA 230144, ITT 426880, CALLED ON EMBASSY E/C OFFICER MAY 6 TO DISCUSS TWO PENDING DEALS IN SYRIA: (A) SALE OF TWO ROCK CRUSHERS/ TO MINISTRY OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION (VALUE: 5 M. DOLLARS); AND (B) SALE OF 50 D-8S AND 50 D-9S (VALUE: 18 M. DOLLARS) TO MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

2. CAPANEGRO SAYS HIS FIRM IS BACKED, ON SALE OF CRUSHERS, BY HEWIT-ROBINS COLUMBIA (A DIVISION F LITTON INDUSTRIES), US HIGHWAY 1 NORTH, COLUMBIA, S.C. 29206, TEL: 803/778-1424 (HEWIT--ROBINS AREA MANAGERSTEPHEN A. SCULLEN, JR., WAS ALSO IN DAMASCUS MAY 2, VERIFIED HIS FIRM'S ASSOCIATION WITH TIMBER POINT); AND ON SALE OF BULLDOZERS BY WITT-ARMSTRONG CATERPILLAR, SYRACUSE, N.Y. (NO ADDRESS AVAILABLE). CAPANEGRO PRODUCED A LETTER FROM IRVING TRUST, NEW YORK, PURPORTING TO VERIFY AN L/C (NO. 264367) ON TIMBER POINT FOR 2,345,740.80 DOLLARS, AND A BANK GUARANTEE FROM SAME BANK FOR 172,500 DOLLARS IN FAVOR OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. CAPANEGRO SAYS TIMBERPOINT IN BEING SLANDERED BY "POISON-PEN" LETTER CIRCULATED IN SARG OFFICES BY US COMPETITOR AND HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR LETTER CONFIRMING RELIABILITY OF HIS FIRM.

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3. USDOC ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CHECK INTO BACKGROUND, SUPPORT, AND BONA FIDES OF TIMBERPOINT AND INFORM EMBASSY ASAP. FIRM NOT LISTED IN DUN/BRADSTREET'S MILLION DOLLAR AND MIDDLE MARKET DIRECTORIES, NOR IN EMBASSY'S ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD CATALOGUES. CAPANEGRO SAYS THAT HIS FIRM IS LOW BIDDER ON BULLDOZERS BUT THAT CONTRACT MAY GO TO KOMATSU (JAPANESE) UNLESS HE CAN OBTAIN EMBASSY LETTER ATTESTIN TO GOOD FAITH AND REPUTATION OF TIMBER POINT.

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